



California State Fire Marshal CODE INTERPRETATION

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Topic	Elevators		
Code Section(s)	§3003.5(a), California Building Code		
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1. Are elevators servicing a two-story building required to accommodate a stretcher and other emergency medical equipment?

Section 3003.5(a) of the California Building Code (including its references Section 3003.5) provide that all buildings and structures with one or more passenger service elevators shall provide at least one elevator for medical emergency services..

2. Does Section 3003.5(a), Exception #4, California Building Code apply to a two-story building having a stairway exiting directly to the exterior when the stairway is sized to accommodate a stretcher or other emergency medical equipment?

Exceptions #4 and #5 may apply in two-story buildings.

Exception #4 speaks to elevators in a two-story building equipped with stairs in a configuration, which will accommodate the carrying of the gurney, or stretcher as permitted by the local authority having jurisdiction.

Exception #5 references elevators in buildings less than four stories for which the local jurisdictional authority has granted an exception in writing.